

Minutes

Location: Crown Roller building, 105 5th Ave S, NCR conference room on 4th floor

Attending: Jennifer Arnold, Antoine Martinneau, Jeff Strand, Ishmael Israel, Matt Dobratz, Shauen Pearce, Eric Gustafson, Gary Arntsen, Robert Thompson (NCR staff)

Introductions. Attendees shared experience with neighborhoods, current role, work most proud of.

Minutes: postpone approving last months minutes until next meeting.

NCEC background. NCEC / Committee background and Charge. Ishmael and Eric kshared background on NCEC discussions and strategic planning that led to committee creation and Charge. TIF funding expires 2020; NCEC and others believe City Council will not support continuing if neighborhood organizations continue as-is. Focus of committee is how to make neighborhood organizations more sustainable by making them more inclusive and more effective – will refine these basic criteria through engagement and insights gained from stakeholders including residents, current neighborhood leadership, and City Council members. Committee will convene citywide conversation by stakeholders on neighborhood organizations. NCEC is clear this will be a community driven process rather than City driven process. NCEC makes policy recommendations to the City Council. Want to take asset-based approach to the work.

Discussed committee process issues.

- Some involvement beyond NCEC members, ensure transparency, make sure meeting locations, times, notes, etc. are posted and published on website.
- Some want to ensure non-staff neighborhood people participating. Have people from neighborhood organizations of different capacities.
- Does group need to have quorum to meet, make decisions? Since group makes recommendations. 51% of group is quorum, but have not been as tight on committees.

Discussion on Key Stakeholders and Engagement Methods. Identified key stakeholders and ideal process to engage each.

- SEE PAGE 2 FOR SUMMARY OF NOTES AND DISCUSSION.

Work scope for next 12 months. Discussed draft committee work scope and timeframe. Focus next year on CPP guidelines.

- Focus most time on design of community engagement and publicity

Elect a 2nd Co-chair – postponed to June

Set regular meeting time and place – 4th Thursday 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Rotate locations. Next will be June 25th at Harrison offices.

How to engage?

- Bus stop / on the bus
- Train BOD's to door-knock
- Newsletter / print (note digital divide)
- Recruit underrepresented folks to help engage
- On recreation trails / parks. Dog parks
- Intercept surveys / pop-up tables
- 1-on-1s
- small group meetings
- tagging on to existing events
- Open Streets events

Key Stakeholders:

- English as a second language
- Undocumented
- Black people
- Renters
- American Indian
- Under 30
- Southeast Asian
- Disability community incl. developmentally disabled
- Lower-income
- Without post-secondary education
- People who ARE involved
- People with children

Barriers:

- Retention / recruitment
- Lack of programming for underrepresented, e.g. accessible housing program
- (lack of interest is NOT a barrier)
- not buying homes anymore
- lack of awareness of neighborhood organizations
- mobility / accessibility issues
- People shut down when "usual suspects show up."
- Not everyone will respond to email from City
- Not everyone will respond to email from their neighborhood organization

Parking Lot:

- Who / how are Best Practices being shared?
 - By City (NCR)
 - By others